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1. F. C. CHEN,¹ policy director of the China Review, has been asked by the Chinese Communist Consul-General, YAO Chung-k'ang, to reorganize the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.² CHEN has been preparing political and economic reports on China for YAO. CHEN's most active assistant is H. T. CHIU. CHEN is an educator, an anthropologist, a research student of Chinese history and an economist. He is now teaching at the Overseas Chinese Middle School and at Calcutta University. He is also a supervisor of the bank of China, although he does not actually have an office in the bank. A senior assistant of the bank, L. H. PANG,³ calls on CHEN at his residence twice a day for instructions.
2. C. H. WANG, manager of the Bank of China, acting as liaison officer for the new Chinese Communist Consulate in Calcutta.
3. M. S. HO, formerly vice-Consul with the KMT Consulate, is considering starting an export-import firm in Calcutta with S. K. LIAO, an ex-employee of the KMT Consulate and with Raymond YUNG (aka Young) of the Bank of China.
4. S. K. LIAO, who was in charge of the Tibetan section of the Consulate from 1947-1948, misappropriated funds from the Consulate. LIAO has no fixed political principles and would collaborate with the Communists if it were profitable.
5. TENG A-jui (鄧亞銳) was a former member of the KMT, but has switched his allegiance to the Communists for business reasons. TENG was influential in causing the former executive Committee of the Four District Clan Association to fail enabling him to obtain a place on the new Executive Committee.⁴
6. KUAN Yung-shao (關永紹) is a professional gambler with pro-Communist sympathies.
7. CH'EN Yu-yueh (陳有月) is a carpenter who engages in Communist activities.⁵

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8. CH'EN Wei-ch'u (陳偉初) is the owner of the Chinese Drug store, Ten Ho Tang, and is pro-Communist.
9. YEH Chin-nao (葉錦鏡) is a gambler who actively supports the Communists.
10. WU ?-fan (吳?藩) is pro-Communist.
11. YU Liang-yu (余良玉) is the assistant manager of the Sun Chang Gold store and is the chairman of the Standing Committee of the Four District Clan Association (FDCA).
12. CH'EN Ju-ch'ing (陳汝慶), an elderly Chinese formerly with the Bank of China, is now with the Leather Syndicate.⁷ CH'EN was a RMT sympathizer, but he reversed his allegiance under pressure from the Bank of China.
13. CHEN Chen-yu (甄振裕) is a brother-in-law of PANG Wei-hsia (aka PANG Wei-shan) of the Bank of China. PANG uses CHEN's restaurant near New Market as a contact point for Communists.
14. T'AN Yuan-teng (譚元登) is the assistant manager of an American Insurance company.
15. T'AN Lien-ta (譚連大), a former member of the RMT, is now shifting towards Communism.
16. HU T'ing-chu (胡建柱), gambler and carpenter, is a member of the Control Committee of the FDCA and is strongly pro-Communist.
17. YANG Kuang-fa, professional gambler, is a member of the Control Committee of the FDCA and is pro-Communist.
18. YANG Ch'i-ming (楊啓明), a former seaman, is a member of the Control Committee of the FDCA and is pro-Communist.
19. There are about thirty Chinese Clubs in Calcutta. Most of them are small as they are based upon the regions in China from which the members come. The clubs represented by Chinese from Chekiang and Fukien Provinces are more popular since about 60 percent of the local Chinese come from these provinces. The North Chinese have about five or six clubs.
20. The Consul-General⁸ has formally visited most of these clubs, and he has suggested that a large, centralized club should be set up in Calcutta, equipped with social and educational facilities. He deprecated the provincial feeling which is predominant among the local population, and has expressed his determination to stop gambling and to root out the opium dens from Chinatown. The Consul-General has stated that if necessary he will secure the aid of the Indian administrative authorities to prosecute the drug addicts.
21. The Chinese seamen have eight or nine clubs in Central Calcutta and Kidderpore. These clubs are not functioning effectively because of the transient nature of the members. At present, many of the seamen are suffering from financial difficulties and their unemployment is causing discontent in Chinatown.

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a general report on Chinese in the Calcutta area.

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Secretary of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce until the Chinese Communist Government representatives arrived in Calcutta. He is now reported working closely with members of the Executive Committee of the FDCA and has obtained import licenses for certain Calcutta Chinese. [REDACTED] 25X1A that GEE had had an interview with SHEN Chien.

25X1A³ [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly PENG Wei-shah.

25X1A⁴ [REDACTED] Comment. All the individuals listed in paragraphs 5 to 15 are now members of the Executive Committee of the FDCA. The meeting place for the FDCA is Kwang Yuan Lee, at 2 Blackburn Lane, Calcutta.

25X1X⁵ [REDACTED] Comment. There is an unconfirmed rumor that CHEN receives a subsidy from the Chinese Communist Consulate.

25X1A⁶ [REDACTED] Comment. This is a working group within the Executive Committee.

25X1A⁷ [REDACTED] Comment. The Leather Syndicate is financed by the two Chinese banks in Calcutta, the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications.

25X1A⁸ [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably the Communist Consul-General.

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